

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7-9, 11, 12, 18-20, 23, 29, 30, 33, 34, and 39 have been amended. Claims 2-6, 13-17, 24, 28, 35-38, and 40-44 have been canceled. Claims 1, 12, 23, 34 and 39 are independent claims.

Allowable Subject Matter/Claim Objections

The Examiner has indicated that claims 6-11, 17-22, and 28-33 are objected to and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The subject matter from the claims indicated as allowable has been added to the independent claims 1, 12, 23, 34, and 39. The applicants therefore believe that these claims and their dependents are now allowable. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-5, 12-16, 23-27 and 34-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee (2003/0050086) in view of Amrani et al. (WO 02/37693). Claims 1, 12, 23, 34, and 39 have been amended as discussed above to include the allowable subject matter. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In light of the remarks contained herein, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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